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Domestic Violence Awareness Rally October 18 At Civic Center Plaza

SAN DIEGO: In an effort to raise awareness about domestic violence, the Shelter and Support Services Committee of the San Diego Domestic Violence Council will hold its annual "Not-To-Be-Forgotten Rally" from 11am to 2:30pm on Monday, October 18th, at the Civic Center Plaza, 1200 Third Avenue at B Street, Downtown. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month throughout the nation.

The rally will kick off at 11:30am with a Mini-Awareness Walk from the Family Justice Center (707 Broadway) to the Civic Center Plaza. Supporters are asked to gather at the southwest corner of Broadway and Eighth Avenue at 11:15am. Everyone participating in the walk will receive a free t-shirt.

"I'm proud to say that San Diego leads the way nationally in trying to eradicate domestic violence. Unfortunately, we still haven't solved the problem, and we must continue to be visible, raise awareness, and let people know that resources are available to help," said Deputy Mayor Toni Atkins. "That is what this rally is about and why it's important to acknowledge Domestic Violence Awareness Month. I hope everyone focuses on this issue, not only in October, but all year round, so that if we come across someone in need, we know how to extend a hand."

Resource tables from a variety of domestic violence service providers and related organizations will be open to the public starting at 11am at Civic Center Plaza. Domestic violence awareness activities and music will be presented from noon to 1pm, followed by inspirational speakers and the presentation of the Andrea O'Donnell Award to the individual or organization who has contributed significantly to the increase of awareness of domestic violence in our region.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend. For information or to reserve a resource table at the event, email Kim at kbarrett@interfaithshelter.org or phone 619/563-9878.

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